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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING BETWEEN EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND JOHN TZOUNIS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GREEK MFA, SEPTEMBER 28, THERE WAS A BRIEF EXCHANGE ON STATUS OF US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS. HARTMAN SAID US FELT STRONGLY THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONCLUDED AND TEXTS OF DOCUMENTS INITIALED IN NEXT FEW DAYS. WE NOW HAD HAD SIX ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS STRETCHING BACK TO FEBRUARY 1975. THE TIME HAD COME TO CLEAR AWAY THE FEW REMAINING MINOR ISSUES AND CONCLUDE THE TALKS.

2. TZOUNIS SAID THIS WAS ALSO THE POSITION OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. INDEED, HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN A CABINET MEETING LAST WEEK WHICH HAD GIVEN GREEK NEGOTIATOR, AMBASSADOR CALEGORAS, AUTHORITY TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT WITH US BY OCTOBER 2.

3. TZOUNIS INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT TWO REMAINING

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ISSUES WERE OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO THE GREEK SIDE. BOTH

WERE HIGHLY POLITICAL. THE FIRST CONCERNED PLACING A CEILING ON OUR USE OF HELLENKON AIRFIELD OUTSIDE ATHENS. THE SECOND CENTERED ON THE GREEK REQUIREMENT FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR OUR INCOMING AIRCRAFT. TZOUNIS EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS COULD BE FOUND TO BOTH QUESTIONS.

4. HARTMAN NOTED THAT THE FIRST QUESTION HAD ONLY ARISEN IN AUGUST, AFTER SOME 18 MONTHS OF NEGOTIATION AND THAT THE SECOND QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY SINCE JULY AND THAT VARIOUS COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE US SIDE. WHAT WE DID NOT WANT WAS A SOLUTION IN GREECE THAT PREJUDICED OUR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO OTHER BASE NEGOTIATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

5. THE DISCUSSION ENDED WITH AGREEMENT BY BOTH PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE ONE FURTHER EFFORT TO WIND UP THE NEGOTIATIONS SUCCESSFULLY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. KISSINGER

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